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Application of: H. HAHN

Serial No.: 09/972,030

Group Art Unit: 2819

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For: COMPUTER SYSTEM AND METHOD
FOR SEGMENTATION OF A DIGITAL
IMAGE

Attorney Docket No.: 739-X01-006

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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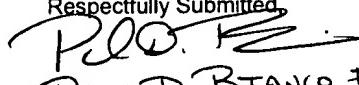
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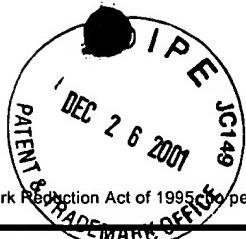
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